

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections with respect to all claims now pending in the application (i.e., Claims 1-4) is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claim 4 has been added without the introduction of new matter.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yi, European Patent No. 0961457.

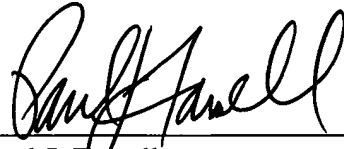
The present invention is directed to providing a hinge mechanism whereby the top housing of a flip-type portable radio terminal is opened by applying a force only within a relatively small angle, thus reducing the movement stroke when opening the terminal. In other words, the stroke required to open the top housing is reduced due to the geometry of the hinge cam. In order to accomplish this the hinge cam is provided with “a pair of angled portions on the surface of the hinge cam facing the hinge shaft, ... each angled portion having a gentle slope and a steep slope that are asymmetrical sidewise”, as claimed in Claim 1.

Yi, however, discloses “a hinge cam 30 having a pair of vertically spaced mountain-shaped portions 31 defined with a valley-shaped portion 32 therebetween.” (col. 10, lines 13-18; FIG. 5). It is apparent that the mountain-shaped portions 31 of Yi are symmetrical about the longitudinal axis of the valley-shaped portion 32. Yi does not disclose providing asymmetrical slopes on the angled portions of the hinge cam to provide a shorter opening stroke for the top housing by manipulating the geometry of the slopes of the angled portions of the hinge cam. It is at least for this reason that Claim 1 is believed to be patentably distinct from the cited reference.

As Claims 2-4 depend from Claim 1, these claims are also believed to be allowable. Accordingly, all claims now pending in the application, i.e., Claims 1-4, are believed to be allowable.

The application as now presented, containing Claims 1-4, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an expeditious and favorable action is hereby solicited. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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